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to amend the Cross-Reference section of the application. Pursuant to a subsequent facsimile Communication from, and a telephone conversation with, the Petitions Office on May 8, 2003, Applicants hereby seek to further amend the Cross-Reference section and have also filed herewith a corrected ADS.

It is under 35 USC 120 that Applicants claim the benefit of the filing dates of U.S. App. No. 09/723,316 and PCT App. No. PCT/FR99/01973 (WO 0009679). The previous ADS incorrectly listed the PCT application in the field for Foreign Priority Information rather than in the field for Domestic Priority Information. In addition, the previously amended version of the Cross-Reference section referred to the '316 application as being "entitled to the benefit of" the PCT application. It is clearer to refer to the '316 application as a "continuation" of the PCT application. The corrected ADS and the above amendment implement these desired changes. Applicants respectfully request their entry.

This Amendment and the corrected ADS are being filed via facsimile today May 8, 2003, in the Petitions Office.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, in the event that any fees are due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Marked-Up Version of Amended Section of Specification

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a CIP of U.S. Application No. 09/723,316, filed November 28, 2000, which is [entitled to the benefit] a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/FR99/01973 (WO 0009679), filed August 11, 1999.